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LETTER DATED 18 NOVEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that the relevant Iraqi authorities have obtained information from Lloyd's Maritime Information Services to the effect that the Kuwaiti regime has seized Iraqi ships still in Kuwaiti ports and have handed them over to Kuwaiti owners so that they can operate them in their own interests. The names of the ships are as follows:

1.	Al-Qadisiyah	155 000 tons
2.	Hattin	155 000 tons
3.	Al-Mutanabbi	132 000 tons
4.	Tariq bin Ziyad	118 000 tons

Another ship, Al-Faw, of 79,000 tons, is still moored at a Kuwaiti port.

The Iraqi Government, in communicating this information, affirms the wish that you should take the necessary measures for the return of the five ships in question as soon as possible.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative